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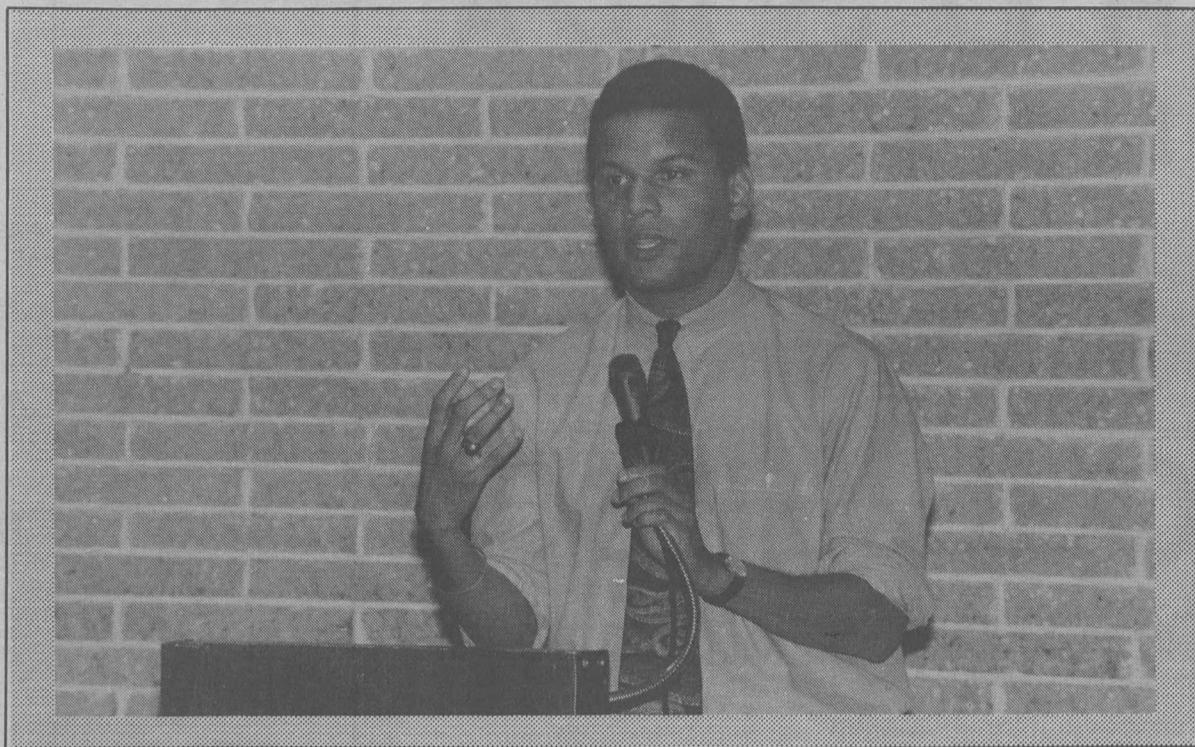


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GW STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT KYLE FARBRY addresses the proposed student fee at a town meeting Tuesday night.

Shattered Credit

Students engulfed by the 'power of plastic'



By Lisa Leiter
Asst. News Editor

"I'll charge it" is a phrase almost every college student in possession of a credit card has muttered to themselves, their friends or their parents when other methods of payment are not feasible. However, in some cases these students can become engulfed by the "power of the plastic," owe creditors significant amounts of money and severely damage their credit rating for a number of years.

Students, parents and consumer counselors question whether or not students should be given the opportunity to obtain credit by simply flashing a student identification card. According to them, it is foolish of these bank card companies to grant credit to students who have no proof of income to afford even the minimum payment.

A GW full-time employee and part-time student who wishes to remain anonymous allowed himself to fall deep into debt his sophomore year. During his freshman year he was a full-time student and did not possess any credit cards; however, when he decided to work full-time and become a part-time student, he acquired a student Visa card with a \$500 limit.

Shortly thereafter, he applied for and received a Hecht's credit card, a Nordstrom card, an American Express card and a Sears card. "I soon hit the limit on most every (card) and was

trying to make the minimum payments," he says. He charged \$500 on the Hecht's, Nordstrom and Amex cards and \$1,000 on the Sears card.

Although he maintains he was able to make the monthly payments for a while, he then charged a \$3,000 stereo on an Amex consumer program, owing only partial payments each month as opposed to the full amount Amex usually requires. "Everything was alright until I couldn't make the payments every month . . . then Amex put the whole amount (\$3,000) on the bill."

He was \$6,000 in debt and decided it was time to rid himself of the Amex, the Visa and the Sears card. "I raised enough money from my education account to get everything paid back," he says. He is currently putting money back into his account on a gradual basis. In addition, he admits he sold half of his compact disc collection to earn extra money to pay off his debts.

The credit card companies began to contact him four to six months after he had not made any payments. "They harassed me a couple of times, but each time they did I sent them money," he says. A private collection agency contacted him only once.

This student currently does not have any major credit cards, but still has a Hecht's and a Nordstrom credit card. "That is by my own choice . . . I don't want credit and I don't think (major credit card companies) would want to give it to me," he admits.

"I knew what I was doing and I

messes up . . . and things would be a lot easier now if I had credit cards," he says. He figures it may take up to seven years before he is able to establish credit again.

Furthermore, he says he thinks credit card companies will soon learn not to give students such large amounts of credit. "Even though it is the student's responsibility, people under 21 should have a co-signer," he added.

Credit Recovery Bureau General Manager John Petroff says 22 percent of the people he contacts are students, with one of his clients being a national credit card company. "I think it's ridiculous that an institute of higher learning can establish credit for someone."

Petroff, whose collection agency is based in Arlington, Va., explains after the credit card company has made in-house efforts for four months to try and receive payments, the CRB contacts the individual and establishes payment arrangements.

"I wouldn't grant the same amount of credit to students that I would to others (people with more substantial incomes)," he declares. However, Petroff did say only two percent of all Amex card accounts become delinquent and the company now has a more stringent approval procedure.

Another GW senior also had problems with credit cards. Her problems began in December of her sophomore year, when she was approved for a Chase Manhattan Visa

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Students speak out at SA town meeting

Problems with aid spur negative voices

by Oscar Avila

Hatchet Staff Writer

An ineffective and overworked bureaucracy is to blame for recent student complaints about the financial aid process, according to a preliminary Student Association report.

Officials from the SA and the Office of Student Financial Assistance discussed the findings of the 17-page report with about 10 students at an SA Town Meeting Wednesday in the Marvin Center.

Deputy Association Counsel Jim Arsenault described complaints of "chaotic administration" which led to confusing deadlines, the relaying of misleading information, lost files and failure to return messages.

"As a result of these difficulties students encountered, aid packages were delayed or in some cases held to the point to where there was a question whether aid would be in time for the current semester," Arsenault said.

The report, based on interviews with students and administrators, contained case studies of students who had encountered difficulties with the financial aid office.

SA Vice President for Judicial Affairs Michael Fisher said the study revealed flaws in the structure of the financial aid office which he said was understaffed, overworked and used outdated technology.

Fisher said the study also showed that the system had a high margin of error which sometimes resulted in aid being cut or cancelled.

"One of the things that became blatantly obvious was that students needed to follow a certain timeline to get their aid," Fisher said. "The process has no margin for error."

"Our office has always been committed to serve the students," director of enrollment management administration Fred Siegel said. "However, everyone is in agreement that the process has to be improved."

Fisher said the SA report made

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Opposition to fee discussed with SA

by Paul Connolly

Asst. News Editor

Students voiced their concerns about the proposed Student Association fee at a SA town meeting Tuesday night, and discussed the added financial burden for students on scholarships, mismanagement of funds by the SA and the justification for the fee.

One student who argued against the fee said, "It's like extortion . . . (the SA) is demanding payment without consent."

According to SA Executive Vice President Dave Parker, the proposed fee would charge students \$1.93 per credit hour, equalling roughly \$60 per year for the average full-time student. This would more than double the current SA budget.

Members of a new group called Students Against the Fee, dedicated to lobbying against the proposed fee, were on hand to argue against the fee as well. The group's president, Jim Perschbach, told Parker and SA President Kyle Farmbry the fee will only mean more money for the SA to mismanage. "There are simply too many examples of Student Association waste," he said.

Farmbry responded that since the fee would be shown on the bill, students would be more interested in how the money is spent. "It would allow (students) to demand more accountability from the people you elect," Farmbry said. He blamed existing waste on the way the University allocates funds to student organizations.

Parker said the Senate will be voting on the fee rather than a referendum, noting that the vote will most likely take place in early November.

Perschbach argued against a Senate vote, likening it to having the fee "rammed" down the student body's throat. He said the fee has been handled in an "insulting manner."

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PISS celebrates Columbus Day

Student group wants to 'fight against the tyranny of the minority'

by Sari Marvel
Hatchet Reporter

The Politically Incorrect Student Society celebrated "500 years of Western civilization and the great discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus" at a news conference Monday in the University Yard.

PISS, a student organization founded last spring, is dedicated to combating "political correctness" by protecting free speech, preserving academic freedom and preventing unjustified degradation of Western culture, according to a PISS press release.

"PISS was founded in hopes of raising awareness of students in their right to maintain freedom in and outside of the classroom. All men are created equal, and we need to fight to preserve the ideals of society," National Law Center student and PISS founder Martin Schulz said to about 25 people who attended the event.

According to Schulz, PISS wants to provide GW with a reason to think. "PISS summons all those who believe in freedom of thought to join with us in the fight against the tyranny of the minority. We challenge anyone who believes in political correctness to an open debate."

At the first PISS informational meeting last spring, Schulz compared the gathering to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. He said he equated the two because of the way people were confessing of times when they were frustrated with not being able to discuss what was on their minds for fear of being ostracized.



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POLITICALLY INCORRECT STUDENTS SOCIETY FOUNDER MARTIN SCHULZ poses next to the GW statue at a celebration Monday.

PISS member Monica Risam said, "The University should be an arena for free expression... students should not have to worry about speech codes."

According to a group statement, members of PISS believe "political correctness" wants to eliminate free speech and create a society anything but diverse. They are confident "PC will be revealed as nothing more than an excuse not to think."

"Political correctness is creeping into institutions of higher education. Students are being denied opportunities

to speak out in class or they are being reprimanded for saying something not politically correct. We need to find a solution to this problem, because we are all members of the human race and we all have certain rights," Schulz said.

Dinesh D'Souza, newest spokesman of the New Right and author of "Illiberal Education," will speak at a PISS cosponsored event on Oct. 20. D'Souza, now a research fellow at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, is the group's hero, Schulz said. A formal debate will follow the discussion.

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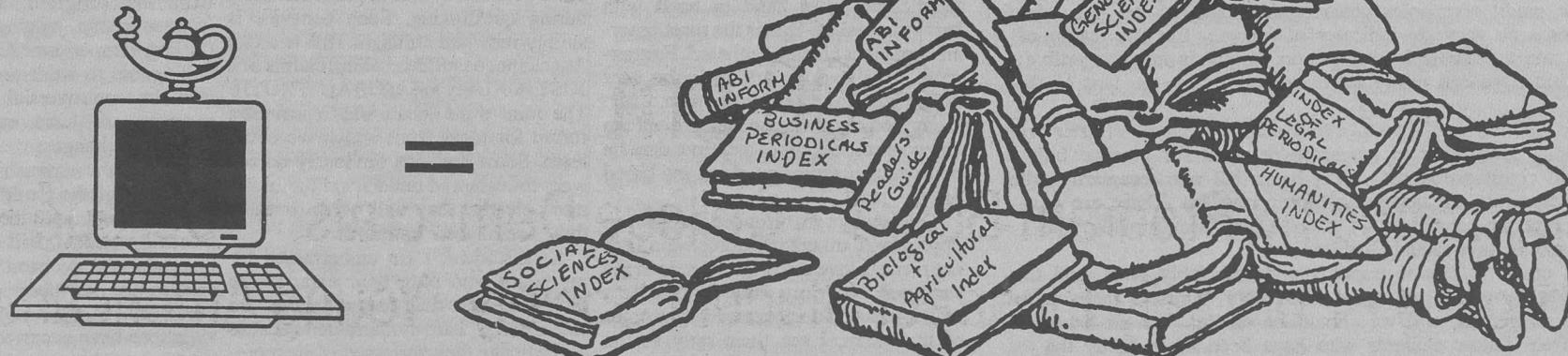
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EDITORIALS

A toast to 18

Some of us call it G.G. Flipp's, and some of us call it Odd's, but for the time being we are all just calling it closed. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission has suspended G.G. Flipp's liquor license for one week for serving alcohol to minors. By checking up on Flipp's the commission was also checking up on "minors." It is right for the ABC to verify that bars observe laws, but it is ridiculous that they, and the bars, need to make sure people under 21 are not drinking. Simply put, the drinking age needs to be changed back to 18.

A strong argument in favor of keeping the drinking age at 21 involves drunk driving — if people under 21 cannot drink, then they certainly cannot drink and drive. Drunk driving deaths are down in recent years, but that cannot be directly seen as a result of the raised drinking age. More likely it is due to improved car safety equipment and aggressive awareness programs. Underage people drink regardless of what the law says. It seems the increased attention to safety and especially awareness are why drunk driving deaths are down. It is clearly time to put the responsibility of drinking back in the hands of college-aged people.

No matter what the drinking age is, teenagers are going to find a way to drink alcohol. This is why Students Against Driving Drunk does not condemn drinking, but rather advocates not driving if you drink. It is significant that SADD groups are made up of underage students — this is but one indicator that teens are not just aware of the responsibilities that come with drinking, but are also capable of handling that responsibility.

Lowering the drinking age is not a priority on any politician's agenda. Students are the ones who need to be vocal to make it known that the drinking age is too high, and that drinking is a responsibility students are quite capable of meeting. This week is Alcohol Awareness Week at GW — a week to raise awareness about the dangers and responsibilities of alcohol. Most 18-year-olds are certainly aware of these dangers and responsibilities — it's now up to us to make sure politicians realize this, too.

Credit crunch

As far as getting a credit card goes, students have it easy. Simply being in college is enough for many credit card and charge card companies to decide to grant a card to someone who, if not in college, would otherwise have a difficult time getting an application approved. The companies consider the ability to pay tuition and cost of living expenses an indicator of ability to meet the financial responsibility of having a credit card. This logic is deceitful and attracts many students to get cards they would likely not be approved for if they were not students. In short, credit cards are not all they are cracked up to be.

The credit companies do nothing wrong by approving cards for students — the responsibility for the card belongs to the students. But as the front page story tells, it can be easy for students to use a credit card or charge card with wild abandon.

Credit and charge cards are convenient ways to make purchases. There is no cash involved and the actual payment doesn't have to be made until next month's bills arrive — plus interest, if one waits even longer. As stated earlier, credit companies consider the ability to pay for school and living expenses an accurate indicator of income. But the reality of the situation for most students is that tuition simply is not convertible income. As students, we can easily be overwhelmed by the lure of the plastic.

There are safe options available to avoid complete credit disaster with these cards. Having a cosigner to guarantee payment for overdue bills is one way to avoid credit problems with a bank, but not necessarily with the cosigner. Debit cards are becoming more prevalent. These are basically cards that function as checks — when a purchase is made with these, your account is immediately debited.

The appeal of credit or charge cards is understandably great, and the ease with which students can get these cards only increases their appeal. But they can be dangerous, and we should be careful. We all have a lesson to learn from fellow students who have been taken in by the credit trap.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race judgments

I am offended. I am offended and I am sickened by the article in the Oct. 10 Hatchet entitled "Blacks Oppressed by the Privileges of American Whites." Mr. Bacquilo is grasping for straws and desperately looking to point a finger at someone or something.

I am white, but I understand the plight that many black Americans find themselves in. I cannot possibly understand, you say, because I am looking at situations from a white perspective. Well, I disagree. I have many black friends and I hear the daily problems they encounter as a result of the prejudices that do exist in this world. Furthermore, I don't just hear them — I listen and I understand their frustration.

The problem that I have with Mr. Bacquilo's article is that he essentially blames whites for being white, and claims that suppressiveness is a characteristic that goes hand in hand with being caucasian. This is the most ignorant argument I have ever heard. Furthermore, I believe his article is the very definition of generalization. Mr. Bacquilo says because I am white I am an unconscious oppressor. How dare he make such a statement about me based on my race!

This is why I am offended. I am not an oppressor, I am not prejudiced and I am not racist. I love my black friends in the same way I love my white friends. As a matter of fact, I do not even see the color of their skin, I see them only as the people they are. It is Mr. Bacquilo who has forced me to mention the color of their skin in order to illustrate my point.

I resent his article and all others I have previously seen in the Hatchet that peg all whites as racists. I understand that prejudice is a tremendous problem in today's society, but a solution will not be found by pointing fingers. It will only come about through education.

Dr. Martin Luther King's dream was to see the day when a man was judged by the kind of person he was and not by the color of his skin. Mr. Bacquilo's article only further magnifies the physical differences between blacks and whites. I am proud to say I have never judged an individual's character on the basis of their race. It's too bad that Mr. Bacquilo cannot say the same.

-Christine Enriquez

Abortion debate

The abortion debate is a very heated and personal one, but in no means does this excuse the behavior of several GW students at the Program Board debate Oct. 9. One group chose to express their personal opinion through hisses directed at representatives of opposing organizations. Others unjustifiably made personal threats to panel members during questioning. Such behavior is simply rude and childish. This is a fact that cannot be hidden behind claims of a JUST CAUSE or MORAL TRUTH. The point of the debate was to provide a forum for ideas from which we could learn. Some students obviously do not want to learn and understand the issues more clearly; they only wish to voice their established opinions.

As a student, I am embarrassed for my peers who plug their ears, stomp their feet, shake their fists and shout "are too, are too." I am embarrassed because of the image they portrayed while representing the University. I hope the invited panel guests do not assume that those few are an accurate reflection of the rest of GW's student body. To them, I apologize on behalf of the students. To those of you who's actions compelled me to write this, I invite you to grow up.

-Karianne Strouse

Derby Days

LIGHTEN UP!! Nothing is safe from scrutiny these days, not even an annual Greek-letter organization event, of which the sole purpose is to raise money for a needy charity. If Sigma Chi's Derby Days has become an event that "perpetuate(s) the degradation of women," it is the responsibility of individuals to change this mentality. We applaud Ruth Meyers and Kristin Godfrey (GW Hatchet, Oct. 10) for recognizing that improvements have been made to the Derby Days program by both Sigma Chi and the Panhellenic Association. However, we encourage the GW community to take a closer look at this year's Derby Days before crucifying it.

Last April, both Sigma Chi and the Panhellenic Association met to discuss the Derby Days program. We acknowledged there were three major problems with the program in the past — sportsmanship, judging and the Derby Darling competition. As a result of our willingness to work together to eliminate the controversial aspects of the program, we have implemented the following changes:

1. A sportsmanship committee, consisting of the Panhellenic Association president and the Interfraternity Council president, will be available for litigation and decision on any improprieties that may occur during the four-day event. In the case that any noted violations have occurred, an individual must contact her respective Derby Days captain, who will, in turn, notify the sportsmanship committee.

2. The judging criteria for all Derby Days events is as follows:

- The tallying of votes, which previously has been the responsibility of the Derby Days chairman, is now carried out by impartial observers.

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Robbery victim now knows no one is safe from attacks

"I'm gonna shoot you. Give me your wallet. I'm gonna shoot you . . . Get down on the ground," is what the man with the gun keeps telling you, standing close enough so you can feel his breath on your face while he sticks his handgun in your stomach then presses it firmly against your head as you turn around, numbly obeying his commands. Not immediately realizing what is going on, you are somewhat stunned. When your mind is finally able to sort through all the confusion, your body becomes overloaded with adrenaline. Your hands shake nervously as they awkwardly reach into a pocket to take out your cash. Your voice is a mere squeak when you reason with the attacker that you have no more cash to give him.

"Give me your jacket, too! I'm gonna fuckin' shoot you," he says in reply, holding the cold metal of the gun against your head, sending shudders through your entire body. As you sit on the ground against a brick wall, you try to count to 20 as the gunman instructed you, sweating with fear he will shoot you if you blink your eyes while he makes his escape.

That's what it feels like to be robbed.

Working on the Hatchet, I see firsthand the statistics the University Police Department releases on campus crime every month. To me, and probably to most readers, the stats we run are just that — stats, numbers and percentages which

accurately represent the crimes that occur. But there is something that these numbers can not convey — what it is like to be the victim of a crime.

Attending GW, we usually feel more or less safe walking about at night. Campus Escort will walk us across campus. UPD is on patrol on foot and in cars. Campus Watch will be starting soon. Our location in the District also provides a sense of security: we are bordered by the White House, the State Department, the World Bank and other federal organizations. On many nights it is more common to see a Secret Service Uniformed Division or a Federal Protective Service patrol car than UPD or Metro Police. Even surrounded with all these seemingly secure areas, we are still vulnerable.

Paul Connolly

In September there were two robberies near campus. "So what? A couple of fools were walking in the wrong place at the wrong time. They probably were asking for it," might be a typical response. True. However, not enough people realize what is happening here. They read the numbers and they think, "It can never happen to me." That is the problem with reading these stats.

Being a robbery victim is a personal hell to be put through. It will change your life forever. You can't understand that from a news story.

For a while, these people will not walk anywhere at night, even with friends. They will become prisoners of their own minds, their own fears. Their lives have been intruded. A complete stranger has entered and destroyed their lives for no logical reason.

The numbers don't tell you that the victim crosses the street or ducks into a store or building when someone is walking toward him or her late at night. The numbers don't tell you about how the victims wake up with a start in the middle of the night sweating, feeling as though someone is watching or chasing them. The numbers don't tell you how it feels to be the victim of a crime.

If there is any way to convince people of the very real threat that exists, it is not by throwing numbers in their face, but by scaring the hell out of them. Would you walk to your off-campus apartment in the Claridge House or in Dupont Circle after reading there were three or four attacks there in the last month? How about if you knew one of the people it happened to and saw him or her suffering day after day from the incident? How about if you were the one who had to identify your

friend's body in a morgue after he was shot in an attempted robbery?

The ultimate point being made here is this: it can happen to you; don't ignore or take lightly the events around campus. No matter how safe you feel, no matter how much you believe it can never happen to you, it means nothing. *It can happen to you.* It always happens to the people who think that. When you feel safest, that is when you are most vulnerable.

To those who read this piece: believe what has been said. There is never any excuse to let your guard down. You can never be totally safe, but you can always be totally stupid.

There is definitely a problem with crime in the District. To venture out into the night is necessary as a student. Students cannot be expected to hide in their rooms with fear. However, they should be sensible. Most robberies in the area have occurred when a person was walking alone after midnight.

Needless to say, walking with a group or another person can help prevent this. Campus Escort is a valuable resource at GW that, sadly, is not used enough. Traveling in well-lit, well-traveled areas at night when you must walk alone is a help too. The most important thing to remember is it *can happen to you.*

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MORE LETTERS

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• The Derby Darling competition is judged by the following individuals: Bruce Morgan Casner, an Epsilon chapter alumnus and former member of the Sigma Chi Grand Council; Mark Leehan, the Epsilon chapter adviser, and Barbara Framer, the associate dean of students here at GW. In addition, questions asked of the Derby Darlings are not intended to have a sexual connotation, therefore no points will be awarded for outwardly sexual answers. Furthermore, contestants will not be awarded any points for unnecessary and excessive physical contact with the emcee.

• Daily standings of the first, second and third place sororities will be posted at the end of each day at the Sigma Chi house. Teams will know at all times where they rank and will not be misled to think that they are ahead when this is not the case.

• The spirit award will be judged on how enthusiastically the sorority cheers on itself and Derby Days in general, not how often they cheer for Sigma Chi.

Although no events have been created in the past with the intention of embarrassing anyone, we have modified the events so that any humiliation will be placed on the members of the Sigma Chi fraternity, rather than on sorority members. However, Sigma Chi and the Panhellenic Association can only make so many modifications to the Derby Days program. Ultimately the responsibility lies within each individual participant to maintain a high standard of maturity and self-respect. If an individual violates this standard, that violation should in no way be an indictment of Derby Days or the Sigma Chi fraternity, but rather an indictment of the individual themselves.

It is important to remember that the objective of Sigma Chi's Derby Days is to raise money for the Lift Me Up!

Foundation. The real winner of Derby Days is not the sorority that places first, but rather the disabled children who benefit from the donation we all make as participants.

-Diane Elizabeth Grzyb, treasurer, Panhellenic Association
-Shane Keller, Derby Days chairman

Denim days

I am not the type of person to be offended or upset by any political or social movement. However, last week I found one that got me just a little angry. On Oct. 9, the Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance had "Denim Day." The fact that the organization would denote a day to wear some particular item or style of clothing in itself does not bother me.

The fact that they chose something as broad and as common as denim was cheating a little bit, but even that didn't bother me too much. The fact that they chose an item as commonplace as denim, and gave no notice of the event so as to solicit unwitting "support" for their cause — that is what bothered me.

What's worse, doing this caused vast numbers of students to laugh at the LGPA as they walked out of their residence halls with their jeans and saw, for the first time, posters that read "Are you wearing denim today?" They didn't bother to run back to their rooms and change because they didn't support the LGPA — they just laughed and made fun. All over campus that day one could hear cynical, sarcastic voices asking, "Are you wearing denim today?" Was the LGPA too afraid to try to gain legitimate support? I would have supported them. Everyone deserves equal rights. But this was a cheap attempt to make people think that so many students support their movement.

-Adam Sheinvol

Freedom lost if guns are banned

Guns kill. The only purpose of a gun is to eradicate another life, be it human or not. Therefore I must agree with the contention of the editorial "Dumb guns" (GW Hatchet, Oct. 10) that semiautomatic assault weapons kill. My only question is, how does this distinguish one class of gun from another? Would President Kennedy be any more dead if a semiautomatic AK-40 had been used instead of a one-shot, bolt action hunting rifle?

I hate guns. I don't own one, don't want to own one, don't ever want to touch one — I lost a mother to a "harmless" .22 caliber target rifle. I wouldn't use one to defend my property, I wouldn't even shoot another human being to save my life. I have every reason in the world to push for gun control, except one — it is wrong.

I am not alluding to the Second Amendment. What I am referring to is the far more basic right of freedom — freedom of choice, freedom of expression.

I have always found it confusing that the people who push for gun control are usually liberals, the same people who believe it is acceptable to abort a fetus, burn a flag and distribute pornographic material. I am just as confused when conservatives — who want to limit what I learn in school, determine what types of entertainment I am entitled to enjoy and in general impose arbitrary morality upon me for the "good of society," — support my right to choose whichever murder weapon I desire.

The editorial expressed a belief that restricting freedoms, though a difficult decision, is "warranted in this case." It advocates passage of a bill that not only restricts individual freedom but that of business as well. I will let you decide how much

government should have the right to interfere in business; I am far more worried about an infringement on basic fundamental freedoms.

What special dangers do semiautomatic weapons pose to society? Well, you can fire more bullets in a given amount of time than with a conventional gun. What does this mean? Well, you can kill a larger amount of people in the same amount of time. This is the only advantage inherent in a semiautomatic weapon. Therefore, logic dictates that we must ban such weapons because they will be the cause of many mass murders? Right?

Bryan Fowler

nearly everything produced in the past two decades, occasionally push borderline psychotics over the edge, resulting in the loss of innocent lives. Do you advocate the banning of such movies? Drunk driving kills tens of thousands of people each year in this country, and it is just as illegal as murder. Should we reinstate prohibition or better yet ban automobiles? Think about it. These sound ridiculous, but they are derived from the same type of "logical" process as a ban on semiautomatic weapons.

In referring to assault weapons as an unnecessary evil, the editorial is making a moral decision for the rest of society. I know many people who consider alcohol, pornography, sex education, abortion, erotic art, etc. as unnecessary evils. Yet, because these people are not in the majority, we rise in outrage whenever Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) tries to interfere in any of these areas. Have some empathy. Would it make Helms any more right if 50.1 percent of the nation agreed with him?

If we are going to restrict freedoms, shouldn't we be damn sure it will produce an unprecedented benefit to society. I, for one, will not feel any safer in the District or Los Angeles if semiautomatic assault weapons are banned.

This is a question of priorities. Please, don't unthinkingly advocate support for a bill that will set a precedent for the limitation of freedom. Remember that no matter what you value, no matter how harmless it seems, some day a majority of society may disagree with you. Do you want to give them the ability to enforce their value system upon you?

Bryan Fowler is a junior majoring in political communications.

Credit

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card and an Amex card based solely on the fact that she was a student. "My dad would not allow me to have any credit cards, so when I could get these without him having to co-sign, I did . . . and went crazy," she recalls.

She was making payments for a few months and her father was reimbursing

her for the purchases, but did not know they were made with a credit card. After a few months she had charged \$400 on the Visa card, \$1,200 on Amex and had also acquired a calling card on which she charged \$100.

"I was stuck and didn't know what to do," she says, adding that Amex started sending her letters in June, 1990, while she made partial payments in sums of \$50 and \$100 for a few months. Visa was more understanding, she says, allowing her to pay about \$30 a month

for an extended period of time.

Shortly thereafter she was contacted by the CRB and made arrangements with them to make monthly payments.

"It's very difficult . . . I know that and I try to think about it. I am angry at myself for doing what I did," she admits. This student currently has no credit cards and has learned her lesson.

American Express Director of Student Marketing Diane Ty says her company has not experienced as many

problems as bank cards. "We treat students like every other card member."

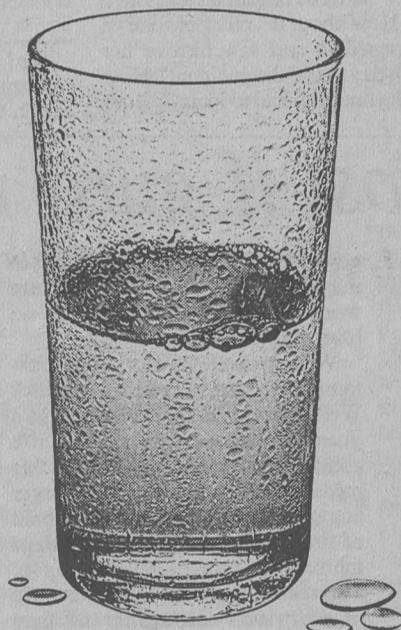
Ty says she thinks Amex has the built-in feature of financial discipline because card holders must pay in full at the end of every month. She added that no minimum income requirement is necessary for membership verification, but says Amex requires that their student members be full-time students in a four-year college.

For those students who have significantly indebted themselves, the Con-

sumer Credit Counseling & Educational Service of Greater Washington, Inc. prepares budgets and helps students find the means to pay their bills.

Consumer Credit Counselor Maureen Wilson says she would like credit card companies to conduct further screening of their applicants. "I'm amazed that students are able to get credit out of high school . . . with low student incomes it is difficult for them to make payments."

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two major recommendations to improving the financial aid process.

The report calls for "administrative system improvements," including the hiring of more financial aid staff and greater control of the release of information, and for a campaign to "increase student awareness of financial aid policies," including simplifying financial aid forms.

Fisher said initial efforts have been made to improve the system, including the installation of a computer system to speed up the financial aid process.

"We are making efforts to improve the process," Siegel said. "I can assure you if we're sitting here next year at this time, things will be a lot better."

Copies of the report are available in the SA office, room 424 in the Marvin Center.

Fee

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Students also told Farmbry and Parker the fee will unnecessarily add to the financial burden on students. One student said that while \$60 per year may not seem very expensive, "that \$60 may break the bank" for students relying on scholarships or financial aid.

Farmbry said the SA had not looked into options for students in such situations.

Another student said the fee is unjust because not all students use the facilities and services the SA provides. "We're paying for everyone else's benefit," he said.

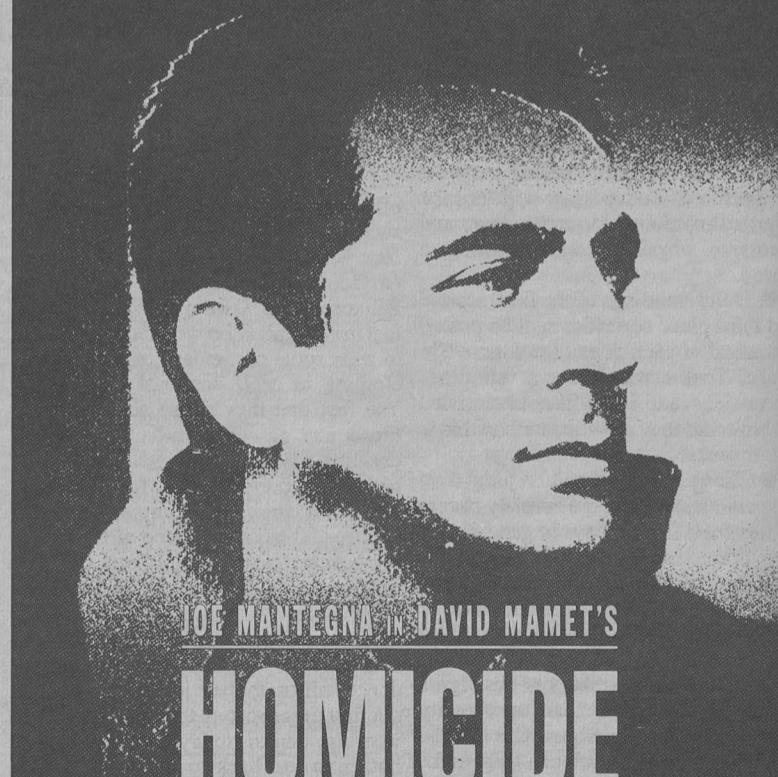
Farmbry justified this, saying, "If you belong to a student organization, you're in some way involved with the Student Association and the student fee."

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Citizens complain about fraternities

by Jen Batog
Hatchet Reporter

Loud noises, garbage and inappropriate behavior were a few of the issues discussed at a meeting between the West End Citizens Association and Interfraternity Council President Aaron Kwittken Oct. 12.

The two groups held the meeting in response to a number of complaints about the behavior of Greek-letter organizations to the Dean of Students office and the IFC from residents in the area, Kwittken said. He said the purpose of the meeting was to address the residents' complaints and to try to gain some "middle ground" in order to rectify the situation.

The amount of garbage in the area was one of the major complaints residents voiced, which stemmed from fraternities posting party notices and not removing them. Residents also complained about the condition of the area after parties. "There is a problem with garbage, especially after a party . . . our lawn is filled with cups," one resident said.

Todd Sandman, Alpha Epsilon Pi vice president, said these are old complaints that have been rectified and that "this (meeting) is the first we've heard of any new problems and will take steps to solve them."

He said AEPi is interested in good community relations and said he

believes "the whole situation can be corrected with better communication between the committee and AEPi."

Kwittken said the situation will be taken care of in IFC's risk management policy, which he is currently trying to get passed. Kwittken said the policy states that after a party the area must be clean by noon the next day.

Other complaints included too much loud noise at night and inappropriate behavior, such as running through the street and screaming late at night. Kwittken responded saying, "Socially responsible behavior is one of the biggest problems that the (Greek-letter organization) system faces, and the IFC risk management policy will try to help solve this problem. It's hard, but we are trying."

According to one resident, another difficulty is the lack of discipline and responsibility manifested by the fraternities. Kwittken agreed and said, "The (Greek-letter organizations) have to be held more accountable for what they do, there should be some sort of authority — someone the fraternities can be held accountable to."

Kwittken also said one of the biggest problems is (lack of) respect. "A lot of GW students forget that they are living

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Greek-letter aide hired

GW has chosen Paul Kingsberry as the new Greek Affairs coordinator, a position which has been changed in nature in order to improve the efficiency of Greek-letter organization coordination on campus.

The coordinator's position used to be run through the Office of Campus Life. Now integrated into the Dean of Students Office, the aim of the administration is to coordinate the different organizations under the same disciplinary action, Dean of Students Linda Donnels said.

In addition to discipline, the Dean of Students Office deals with the social aspects of Greek-letter organizations such as individual chapters, Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association, Donnels said.

Kingsberry is the former Greek Affairs coordinator from Frostburg State University in Maryland and the area coordinator for the Association of Fraternity Advisors, a national organization representing West Virginia, Maryland, the District and Delaware.

As coordinator and a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Kingsberry said he hopes to assist with the growth and development of Greek-letter organization life as well as integrate it more into the GW community. "I believe very strongly in belonging to a letter society," Kingsberry said.

-Julie Brinker

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IMPRESSIONS



Trumpeters Doc Cheatham and Jon Faddis blow up.

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Satchmo remembered at Lisner

by Collin Hill

You could almost see the flappers on stage at Lisner Auditorium Saturday night. "The Wonderful World of Louis Armstrong" celebrated the music of the greatest jazz performer in history with flawless playing and an inspired sense of fun.

"What you saw — that was jazz," said drummer Panama Francis. "It made people feel good . . . they (the audience) could have gotten out of their seats and danced." He lamented the modern jazz fusion as a far cry from what was played on Saturday night. The event was sponsored by the Charlton Jazz Society in association with WDCU-FM Jazz 90.

The headliners for the show were trumpeters Jon Faddis and Doc Cheatham and vocalists Marlene Shaw and Joe Williams. Through the course of the evening, three components of Armstrong's genius were presented: the trumpeter, the singer and the entertainer. Each segment built upon the previous number — until the end, when the ensemble came on and left the audience with a complete picture of the man that Duke Ellington called "Mr. Jazz."

The first section recalled Armstrong the trumpeter and was handled admirably by Faddis. The highlight of his three-song performance was his rendition of "West End Blues," in which he showed great control while still allowing his powerful playing style to burst through the song's steady rhythms.

The next section of the program was dedicated to Armstrong the singer. The first vocalist was Shaw, who perfectly fit emcee Renee Poussaint's (Channel 7 anchorwoman) description of Armstrong as a singer of "style, mischief, cool and hip." Shaw had all of these qualities, and a sultry voice that embodied them.

She began her set with "On the Sunny Side of the Street" and finished strongly with the classic "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby" in which both her range and her impressive mastery of the scat singing style shone. Equally impressive, though, were the piano solos on each of those songs by James Williams. In fact, all of the backing musicians were excellent, especially Williams and Francis.

The final performer before intermission was 86-year-old Cheatham, who mentioned that Armstrong "got me my first gig." He began with the classic "Kiss Me Once," which was quickly met with audible murmurs of "Oh, yeah" from an appreciative audience. Cheatham replaced the ailing Clark Terry, recently hospitalized for major back surgery, who had been scheduled to appear in the Lisner showcase.

Cheatham played trumpet and sang in a quiet but emotional voice, embodying Armstrong as the entertainer.

Throughout the show, he played with his trumpet pointing in the air, almost as if he was playing to Armstrong himself.

His next number was an incredible rendition of "I Double Dare You To Fall In Love With Me," a summation of all that was great about the music Armstrong pioneered. It was full-tilt swing that really swung — music that was seasoned with the perfect amount of irony in the lyrics. Cheatham's solo was a perfect complement to Faddis' earlier ones, stressing smooth melody over the sheer power that age took away.

These differences were joined beautifully when musical director Faddis joined him on stage for "Struttin' With Some Barbeque." All members of the ensemble were outstanding as Faddis and Cheatham matched each other riff for riff, with Cheatham's sly style shining brightest. Pianist Williams had another impressive solo while Francis was excellent as well. Cheatham left the stage to a standing ovation.

By this time many people in the audience were tapping their feet and snapping their fingers as the memories of the songs came back to them. In fact, during the intermission, some couples could be seen holding hands, smiling and singing the songs to each other.

When the show began again, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich) told the audience about his efforts to issue a Louis Armstrong commemorative stamp. Afterwards, Williams came out to further honor Armstrong the singer, and his booming bass voice captured that special Armstrong elan perfectly. With a big grin and great range of styles, he was the most commanding of performances. From the sweet ballad, "I'm Confessing That I Love You" to the scat trumpeting in "Swing That Music," Williams was always on and always smooth.

Williams said, "The beauty of what (Armstrong) did was that he made people feel good. If we can do that, then we are truly reflections of each other." When the entire ensemble came out, it was obvious they were having a great time, with the two vocalists hamming it up, especially during the first two numbers, "Life Is So Peculiar" and "Them There Eyes." Their energy was truly infectious. Both Shaw and Williams kept a constant stream of patter going between the songs, giving the performance a distinctly Las Vegas feel.

The next song was a Cheatham-Williams duet entitled "Old Rockin' Chair's Got Me," which seemed a fitting song for the spry Cheatham. Cheatham grinning throughout was tiring a bit, but subtly leaned against the piano to rest up.

The final two songs of the evening were the classic "Mac The Knife" and the eternal "When The Saints Go Marchin' In." Each was delivered with enormous energy and the audience even got involved, keeping time clapping for "Saints." The musicians left the stage to the sound of ceaselessly clapping hands, as Armstrong did so many times.

DeVito plays role of slimeball for Money

by Ada Lee Halofsky

reed, money, vengeance — the components of the brutal power game called Wall Street. To Danny DeVito as Lawrence Garfield, the cartoonish Gordon Gekko of the 1990s, the market is a ruthless folly. *Other People's Money*, a comedy produced and directed by Norman Jewison, throws the '80s right back at us.

Garfield, also known as Larry the Liquidator and Midas of the Market, thrives on money and Dunkin' Donuts, awakening every morning to his beloved bedside computer, Carmen. He has his eye on a new company to kill — the 81-year-old New England Wire & Cable Co. of quaint Seymour, R.I. Chief Executive Andrew Jorgenson (Gregory Peck) and his loyal assistant Bea Sullivan (Piper Laurie), however, remain adamant in not selling "Jorgy's" family business. But Garfield remains persistent. "Don't think of it as suicide," Garfield says to stalwart Jorgy, "Think of it as euthanasia." The players open fire.

Kate Sullivan (Penelope Ann Miller), Bea's savvy daughter, shoots the dice. She is a sharp New York lawyer, and like Garfield, lusts for the thrill of the kill and fights vigorously against her opponent. Miller all but screams sex appeal in flashy, low-cut dresses that become one of her most useful weapons combatting Garfield. The two entangle themselves in a battle for power using romance and fiscal dirty tricks as weapons.

Devito plays his standard role as a slimy, whiny little schmuck, though Garfield could not be undertaken as colorfully by anyone else. Unfortunately, his arrogant air and insatiable appetite for doughnuts (an unofficial count is that he bit into 21 through the movie) lose their appeal when they become overbearingly familiar. Devito's trademark grunts and pussycat pouts are sprinkled too heavily through his performance.

Even Kate's trite witticisms become annoying in their "nah-nah-nah-nah-nah-nah" delivery. She is a cheesy sort right down to the tight, revealing dresses she wears for "business dinners" with Garfield. Although she is a protagonist, she is as sleazy as her male enemy. More frequent glimpses of her small-town wholesomeness would make her a more believable character.



ety should not corrupt itself by becoming an unfeeling one that merely makes hamburgers and sells tax shelters. Business is not prey for a vicious stockbroker, but a viable organism of loyal working people.

Based on the play by Jerry Sterner, *Other People's Money* is too much of a cliche message with cliche characters to be thoroughly enjoyed. Perhaps the greenback is the root of all evil, but it's time for a new interpretation besides the Wall Street motif. This one can wait until after midterms.

ARTS & FEATURES

Hirshhorn ponders body and soul

by Meredith Fisher

The reversal back to a canon of realistic images is reflected in the new exhibition of "Recent Acquisitions: 1989-1991" at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Corporeal visions should not immediately conjure visions of Classical Greek statues, however. The artists whose works have been included in this collage-like exhibition chop limbs off the body and stick them on the walls. Bodies are covered in beeswax and stuck in Lucite boxes. Paintings depict raw, shredded human flesh. Clearly, the return to a more objective subject matter does not require the subjects to be "traditional." Because, as the "Recent

Acquisitions" show demonstrates, recent art has taken the image of the body and thrown all of its ideological casings out the window. What remains is raw — and polished.

The air is heavy with confrontation. Allan McCollum's *40 Plaster Surrogates* (1982-90) hits the viewer straight in the face, covering the entire first wall of the exhibition. The candy-colored works all appear, at first glance, to be normal blank canvases with shiny plastic frames. Look again. Both the canvas and frame are painted with the same weightless colors, the same neutral tan canvas hue. Let this be a lesson to the unaware viewer — when viewing the 78 works crammed into the basement of

the Hirshhorn, reality becomes distorted. Nothing is what it might have once appeared to be.

Including the foot that juts out from the wall. Robert Gober's untitled work (1990) proves that even if a clothed, hairy leg looks real and feels real, it may not be real.

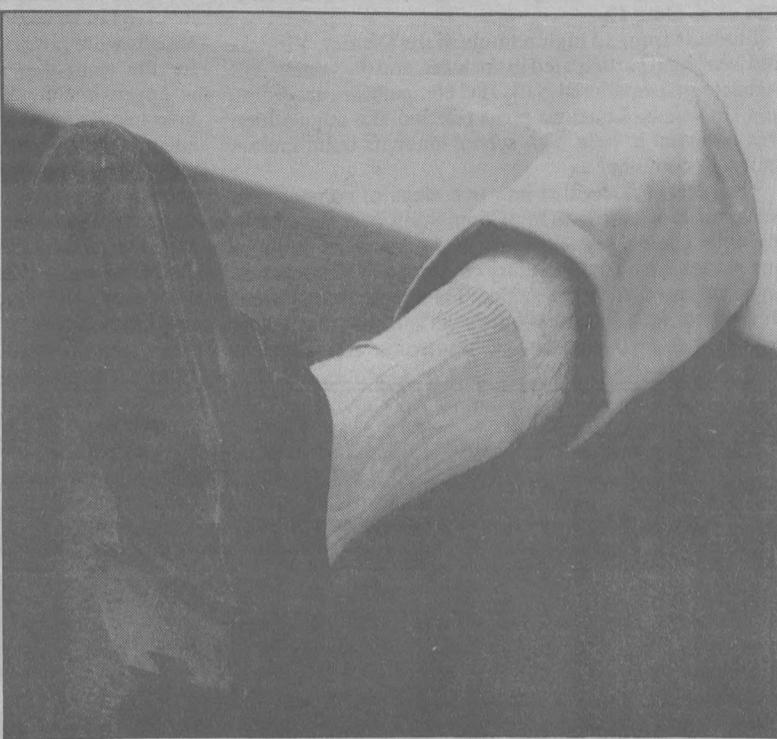
And Paul Thek's latex *Fishman* (1968) hanging from a tree in the corner of the room?

The images from which these represented artists have drawn do not limit themselves to physical manipulations of the human physique. *The Blind Leading the Blind* (1947-49), the first work by Louise Bourgeois to enter the museum's collection, is a reflection of personal interdependence, painted in pink. The top of the piece is a flat plane, and the multiple supporting stakes underneath appear fragile, cautious — much like the tenderly interwoven relationships between all people.

Shows of recently acquired works are generally random selections, drawn together solely because of their point of purchase. The works included in "Recent Acquisitions: 1989-1991," however, are surprisingly cohesive in nature. Unified by questions of reality versus unreality, depictions of human form and the extent to which abstraction

is an option in contemporary art are all addressed in the show.

This is the Hirshhorn's fifth show of new acquisitions to be mounted since 1977, and the pieces selected reflect a long tradition of museum support for



Robert Gober, *Untitled*, 1990.

contemporary artists. Works by such incendiary stars as Eric Fischl, Gober and Sigmar Polke are all newly represented in the collection, and the selection process was careful not to overlook those artists whose work set artistic precedents earlier in the century.

Seguidilla (1919) by the American painter/photographer/sculptor and writer Man Ray was purchased in 1987, but has been touring other venues and is now on view in the museum's downstairs galleries. Other important works in

the "Recent Acquisitions" show include two works by Art Brut pioneer Jean Dubuffet and a diptych of *Study from the Human Body* and *Study of the Human Body — From a Drawing by Ingres* (1982-84) by Francis Bacon.

With the latest additions to its collection, the Hirshhorn continues to be visionary in its approach to modern art. The new pieces meld comfortably with the museum's current holdings, and even judged alone, "Recent Acquisitions: 1989-1991" proves to be a large body of work.



Gary Falk, *Red Dawn*, 1985.

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NROTC hosts annual meet

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Students from 12 high schools in the District, Virginia and Maryland participated in the meet, and the winner will compete in the national NJROTC competition, according to a University Relations press release. The competition was designed to help high school students build morale and self confidence.

The meet was divided into two areas of competition, academics and athletics, Midshipman Bruce Cady said. A multiple choice test containing questions in military history, leadership and military courtesy and customs was given for the academics section. For the athletic section, students competed in a 100-yard dash and relay, sack race, push-ups and sit-ups to test teamwork and physical

fitness, he said.

Each school divided its cadets into different teams to compete and thus every student had the chance to be involved in an activity, Cady said. A number of different awards were given, from an individual award to a trophy for the team that achieved best overall.

Approximately 50 midshipmen from GW were at the meet to coordinate and supervise the activities, Cady said, adding that their goal was to provide positive role models to the high school students by interacting with them and explaining what it is like to be a student at college.

"It was my fourth time to (take part in the field meet) and I had the best time," Cady said. "The teams were very motivated and prepared and there were very few injuries ... they did very well both athletically and academically."

-Yoshie Imai



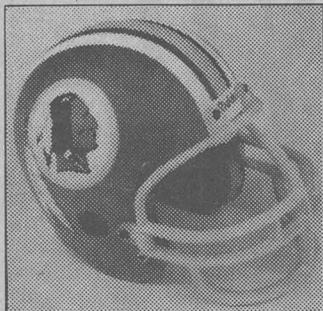
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Flipp's loses liquor license temporarily

G.G. Flipp's Kusam Indian Cafe, Flipp's is "closed for remodeling." Laso located at 915 21st St., NW, had its liquor license suspended for "serving to minors," according to Janet McCormick, spokesperson for the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

Flipp's manager Lou Laso would not comment on the license suspension, but said the restaurant/ bar will resume serving alcohol Sunday, Oct. 20. McCormick could not confirm Laso's statement.

Signs outside the establishment say

-Jeff Goldfarb

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they (the students) have to accept the fact that they are in a residential area, they have to conform to the values of the community."

West End Citizens Association secretary Lucille Molinelli agreed, saying, "One problem is lack of communication between the school and the residents. We have to let them know that we have rights and we have to understand that they have rights as well, but

She also stressed the importance of communication and suggested periodic meetings between the Greek-letter organization presidents and the association. She called this first meeting "a step in the right direction."

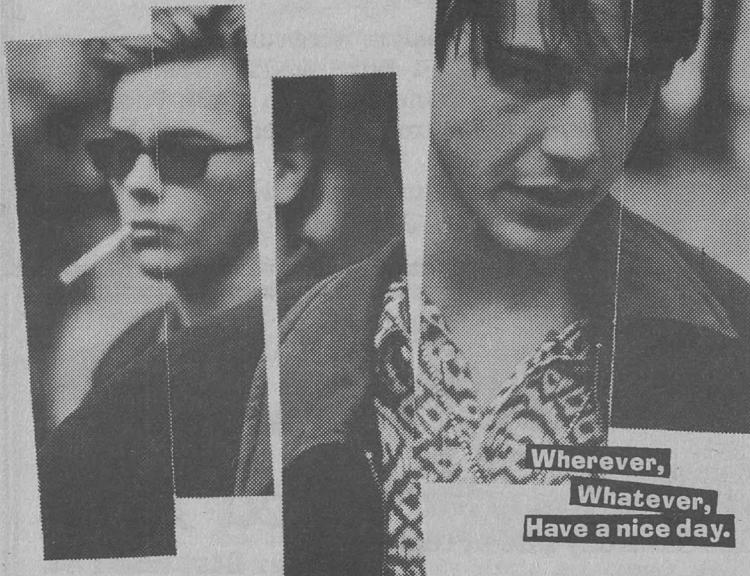
Afterwards, Kwittken said, "I think the meeting served its purpose. Now that we've found out the problems we have to solve them and that's going to be the hardest part."

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Registration changes set for spring callers

by Michael Meagher
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW is incorporating a new touch-tone phone system that will be used for registration as early as this November, according to Vice President for Administrative and Information Services Walter Bortz.

The new service has been recommended by the Systems Computer Technology Corporation, a management systems company that has been contracted by GW to update various systems over a three-year period, Bortz said.

The current registration system of operator assistance will be toned down, according to Bortz. "The touch-tone service may be available for registration from say 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and we may have a couple operators working from say nine to five in order to accommodate callers with rotary phones. A number of schools across the nation are using similar systems for such purposes, it is not as if we are inventing the thing," he said.

Bortz said no one will be losing their job due to the new system. The current core of operators that station registration phones are mostly temporary help, he said.

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The new system is expected to be faster and more efficient for registering, he said. Three years ago registration was insane, he remarked, adding that any senior should remember the frustration of waiting outside of buildings early in the morning in order to catch their registration time.

Bortz said, "I want to see the new system being utilized to maximum capacity. Currently we are thinking of a program that allows the system to distribute grades to students upon their request. Of course we would have to establish precautions to insure privacy, perhaps a personal identification code."

"Currently we are rigorously testing the system for registration," Bortz said. "If we feel comfortable with the way everything runs we will implement the new service for the upcoming registration. If we have any doubts, we will postpone implementation for registration until next summer," he said.

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Rep. says party should focus goals

by Corene Kendrick

Hatchet Staff Writer

The Republican party needs to reassert their direction and focus goals in order to organize their 1992 presidential campaign, Rep. Phil Crane (R-Ill.) said at a Young Americans for Freedom-sponsored speech Wednesday.

Crane outlined the characteristics of the Republican party and said the party can be characterized by its position on individual liberty, a limited constitutional government, free market and strong defense capabilities.

The national debt is currently at \$4 trillion, a figure that is "beyond human comprehension . . . we are not even close to rounding the bend in reducing our debt," he said.

He said President George Bush hurt his party and the United States when he

went along with the Democratic tax plan last year. He said in the 1992 campaign, Bush needs to admit to the American people he made a mistake.

Crane outlined his "radical proposals" to reduce the national debt without increasing taxes. First, he said, every government department should be frozen, and as a result there would be a balance of the budget within six years.

Crane pointed out that the United States began with only four departments: defense, state, treasury and justice. There are now 14 departments, and Crane said, "There is no reason for this."

He said he thinks the energy and education departments should be abolished. "Education is not the function of the national government," Crane said.

He added that the Department of the Interior should be abolished, and federal lands be given back to the states. The Department of Agriculture should be abolished and farmers' subsidies should be ended. "We need to stop feeding rats in our warehouses with our farm surpluses," Crane said.

Social Security and Medicare need to be phased out, Crane said, and that alternative retirement and medical care plans should be explored in the private sector.

The United States should get all troops out of Europe and Korea, he said. Crane said the United States should eliminate all foreign aid because "we are going broke at home." This country should also get out of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, Crane said.

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Adm. says U.S. should push democracy

by Todd Sandman

Hatchet Reporter

The United States should "cease its support of dictators, and foster democracy in the world, even if it means left-leaning democracies" because the Cold War is over, retired Rear Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. said at a GW College Republicans-sponsored speech in Funger Hall Tuesday night.

Zumwalt, Chief of Naval Operations from 1970 to 1974, spoke about his involvement on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and offered a brief history of the Cold War and the U.S. policy of containment. Zumwalt paid special attention to America's failure to effectively commit itself in the Vietnam War, noting his objections to U.S. involvement at the time. He said, "(President Richard) Nixon decapitated himself at home... America lost the war here."

Zumwalt described his ambivalence concerning President George Bush's decision to end Operation Desert Storm. "In just 24 more hours, the United States could have seized Saddam Hussein and Baghdad." He said he recognized that Bush had "more than just military considerations" when deciding the cease-fire.

Zumwalt also proposed increased military participation in the drug war in

the future, but admitted it might cause a "diversion from more important training." He surprised the audience by noting that America is "doomed to failure in the drug war until we legalize drugs."

He advocated taking the money that legalization would save from enforcement and applying it to education about drug abuse.

Zumwalt spoke optimistically about the end of the Cold War and the new freedom in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. However, he warned of the dangers of the 25,000 nuclear weapons which still exist in the Soviet republics.

In addition, Zumwalt said he supported Bush's plan for the elimination of tactical nuclear weapons, claiming the reduction would actually make the U.S. Navy stronger and less susceptible to attack.

Zumwalt said he hopes history will look favorably upon the U.S. policy of containment during the Cold War. Although merits of military involvement in Korea and Vietnam are often debated, Zumwalt said, "The economic miracles taking place in Europe and the Pacific rimlands are the legacy of containment and demonstrate its success."

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Correction

In the story "Senate passes funding resolution, approves bike rack construction" (Oct. 10 Hatchet, p.3), the bill involving the extension of Marvin Center study hours was passed.

In the same Hatchet, the "Mobil signs on to GW Health Plan" story (p.12) should have read that one of the four health plans offered to Mobil employees is the GW plan.

The article "SEA, RHA to sponsor energy-saving contest" (p.17) failed to mention that the Student Association is also cosponsoring the event.

The editors regret the errors.

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SPORTS

Women's soccer hits .500 with pair of wins

Rife, Eichenlaub continue to lead offense

by Vince Tuss
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW women's soccer team reached the magic level of .500 and extended its winning streak to five games with two home wins this weekend. The Colonial Women (7-7) defeated Temple, 3-1, Sunday and Creighton University, 1-0 in overtime Friday.

GW asserted themselves early, Sunday, as they kept play in the Temple zone, hammering away at the Owls' defense, and finally coming away with a goal midway through the first half. Forward Suzanne Stagard passed from the center to a wide open Cara Eichenlaub streaking down the right side who booted the ball past Owls' goalkeeper Denise Litter on the left side of the goal to earn GW a 1-0 lead.

The GW defense limited Temple to one shot in the first half, drawing praise from GW head coach Shannon Higgins. "We put it together well today," she said. "I thought (sweeper) Lori Feller played her best game (of the season)."

The Colonial Women extended their lead on a goal with 28:50 remaining in the game when GW forward Lisa Zifcak stole the ball from a Temple defender in the Owls' zone. She passed it to teammate Beth Rife, who scored her eighth goal of the season.

It took a direct kick from midfield to put the visitors on the board. Temple halfback Kristen Naper was fouled and she put her ensuing penalty into the upper right hand corner of GW's goal. The penalty kick was a rare defensive lapse for the Colonial Women, who allowed only five shots on goal the entire game.

GW gathered some insurance with only 1:55 left to play in the game off a corner kick which junior Jenny Crisman put in play to Crissie Snow. Snow took the shot and put GW ahead, 3-1.

This is Temple's first year as a varsity program and, subsequently, their style of play was pretty much a mystery to the Colonial Women, according to Higgins.

"I wanted to take it to them early,"

Higgins said. "But they had put a pretty good team together." Senior stopper Pam Doerr agreed, saying, "We didn't know what to expect, but lately we've really come together."

Field conditions played an integral part in Friday's game as Creighton and GW started 25 minutes early to try to avoid predicted rains. But their efforts were to no avail, as the beginning of the game also marked the beginning of a light drizzle. By the time the second half started, the skies broke and there was a 20-minute downpour.

The first half remained scoreless as the two team's combined offense totalled only three shots on goal.

The second half saw plenty of action, but still no scoring. Second-half play turned to more a physical style — apparent by Creighton defenders Kristin King and Kim Hermberg leaving the game due to injuries. Hermberg stayed down for nearly five minutes and had to be helped from the field.

With no score in regulation, the game went to overtime. "We didn't want to go into overtime again, but we felt confident," Higgins said.

At 4:12 in the second overtime half, the tie was broken. Sophomore Kerry Hudson scored her first goal of the season, off a pass from Snow.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Hudson said. "It was a solid cross from Chrissie in the air, and it was in."

GW goalkeeper Kerry Dziczkane registered her fourth shutout of the season, saving all five shots she faced. Dziczkane played hurt, as she injured her knee in practice the day before the game. "It was swollen, but I had to forget about it," she said. "It was hard to see in the game, but we had a lot of heart."

Kicks — GW moves on to warmer climates, traveling to Florida for the weekend. The Colonial Women will travel to face Central Florida University, Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and then play Sunday, against Florida International University at 1 p.m.



photo by Adam Sidel

Lori Feller (l.) and Sharon Jones (r.) team up to provide solid defense for the Colonial Women.

Lone scores 100th point in 3-1 win

by Holger Stolzenberg
Ast. Sports Editor

Senior striker Mario Lone made GW soccer history, yesterday, recording the winning goal and an assist in the Colonials' 3-1 victory against Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. to reach his 100th-career point, a feat never before accomplished by a GW soccer player.

In two other weekend games, the Colonials split a pair of Atlantic 10 Conference overtime battles, losing at Rhode Island, 1-0, while topping Massachusetts, 1-0, in overtime.

Yesterday, the Colonials (9-3-1 overall, 3-1 in the A-10) began the game tired and sluggish, according to GW assistant coach John McNamara. The Colonials' defense gave the team a chance to get warmed up, though, allowing VMI only three shots on goal in the game.

GW's offense got in gear at the 34-minute mark as Lone passed the ball upfield to freshman midfielder Moises Reyes. With the Keydets' goalkeeper expecting Moises Reyes to pass to open senior forward Renzo Massa, the ball crept past him and into the goal.

Two minutes into the second half, VMI tied the game as a Keydet offender stripped the ball from left back Werner Dasbach and walked right in and knocked it by senior goalkeeper Chris Yorke, who made his first start of the season.

With a little over 15 minutes remaining in the game, Lone scored the game winner on a free kick from 25 yards out. With a head fake from Massa, Lone took a shot which sailed past VMI's defense and goalkeeper.

The Colonials added an insurance goal late in the game as sophomore forward Derk Droze streaked up the left side, beating two defenders and passing the ball to freshman midfielder Marcello Valencia, who put it in the net.

Sunday, GW traveled to Amherst, Mass. to take on the Minutemen. GW was forced to play without Lone, though, who received a red card in the URI game. GW was also without the services of junior midfielder Chris Majewski, who received his fifth yellow card of the season, forcing him to sit out as well.

The game went scoreless into overtime, before Massa connected on a Droze pass for the game winner.

Friday, GW also fell into a scoreless tie through regulation, but the Rams came out on top this time as they scored on a corner kick which deflected off of senior stopper Erwin Stierle and past sophomore goalkeeper Robert Christian.

Goals — GW hosts Rutgers next at Francis Field at 1 p.m., Saturday. The Scarlet Knights are ranked second in the nation, according to Soccer America, and are ranked third by the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America.

Colonial spikers sweep weekend foes, win two in A-10

by Beth Castle
Hatchet Sports Writer

After losing 13 of its first 16 matches this season, the GW volleyball team swept Temple, LaSalle and Rutgers on the road this weekend.

Saturday, the Colonial Women (6-13 overall, 3-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) overcame A-10 foe Temple in five games 11-15, 15-9, 10-15, 17-15, 15-8 and topped La Salle in three straight games 15-10, 15-7, 16-14. Friday night, GW thrashed conference opponent Rutgers in straight games as well, winning 15-10, 15-0, 17-15.

Head coach Susan Homan said the team's success stemmed from a simple concept. "We've been practicing well and consistently and this weekend we played as we had practiced," she said. "In previous matches we had a great week of practice before hand and then did not perform well in the game."

GW started slowly against the Owls, dropping the first game. The Colonial Women were without the services of setter Khoung Ta, who sprained

her ankle in Friday's match. Ta, however, returned in the second game when GW was down, 8-9.

Homan said Ta has a tendency to speed up the game's tempo. "Ta played great defense and it was the change we needed at the time," Homan said. Ta remained in the contest until first-year middle blocker Kelly McCarty served for the win.

"(McCarty) served very, very aggressively, especially against Temple in very pressured situations. This was impressive considering her season only started Sept. 27," Homan said.

The Owls rallied to take the match's third game and a 2-1 lead, making a fourth-game victory critical for GW. "The deciding fourth game was a down situation and we came back to win (17-15), which is something we haven't been doing," Homan said.

In NCAA volleyball competition, points in the fifth game of a match are awarded regardless of serve — a point is scored on every volley. The process is known as rally scoring. "Temple was

not nearly as aggressive, they were playing not to lose and we played to win," Homan said.

Against La Salle Saturday morning, the Colonial Women were a little tired, according to Homan. Nonetheless, GW won the first two games of the match. The Explorers retaliated, jumping out to a 8-4 lead in the third game. The Colonial Women rallied back to steal the game, however.

Friday evening against RU, the Colonial Women won the first game 15-10 and shut the Scarlet Knights out in the second game, 15-0. "I don't care who you are playing, to hold a team at zero means you had a flawless game and that is very difficult, especially in volleyball," assistant coach Orlando Valle said.

Senior middle blocker Cinnamon Burnim held the serve for seven points as GW humiliated RU. She also executed 12 kills. Rutgers came back strong in the third game but ultimately fell 17-15.

The Colonial Women were functioning under an injury handicap this weekend, as they have all

season, playing without freshman outside hitter Liz Martin, who sprained her ankle in Thursday's practice.

Ta saw limited time over the weekend after twisting her ankle when she slipped on the slick court surface at Rutgers on the second point of the first game. Because of Ta's injury, junior setter Tracy Webster stepped in to play for most of the weekend.

"She's learning to connect better with the hitters and getting back into the swing of things, and she's more confident," Homan said of Webster.

"Because of (Martin and Ta's injuries) everyone just kicked in. They knew that we needed to perform better and give a little more," Homan said.

Spikes — The Colonial Women get a break this weekend, only playing two games, both at Kingston, R.I. Friday, they will play A-10 opponent Rhode Island at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, the women face Hofstra University at 4 p.m.

SPORTS

Sports briefs

Polo's winning streak ends
The GW water polo team ended its seven-game winning streak with a 13-7 loss to Richmond University last night at the Smith Center.

The Colonials (8-5) scored the first two goals, but soon fell behind 3-2 in the first quarter. GW could not regain their early lead as Richmond continued their domination, running away with the game at the end.

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Injuries trip up runners
GW's men's and women's cross country teams finished 26th out of 31 teams and 33rd out of 36 teams, respectively, without the services of either of their number-one runners at the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Freshman Joe Beck sat the race out with leg stress and freshman Tina Kearchner was also marginally injured, according to GW head coach Joe Zito. Both runners earned "A-10 Freshman of the Week" honors last week.

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Women netters roll, men falter
The GW women's tennis team won two of three matches over the weekend, while the men did not fare as well, winning only one of their four matches.

The women defeated Virginia Tech and West Virginia and lost to James Madison in a tough match. The men downed Cornell University but lost to Yale University, Bloomsburg College and Providence University. Mesmer indicated that some changes may have to be made, particularly in the area of doubles play.

Fall Sports Statistics

WOMEN'S SOCCER

| PLAYER | GOALS | ASSISTS | POINTS |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Beth Rife | 8 | 2 | 18 |
| Cara Eichenlaub | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Lisa Zifcak | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Chrissie Snow | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Suzanne Stragand | 3 | 2 | 8 |

MEN'S SOCCER

| PLAYER | GOALS | ASSISTS | POINTS |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Mario Lone | 9 | 3 | 21 |
| Marcello Valencia | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| Chris Majewski | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Stefan Triandaflou | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Seth Morrison | 2 | 0 | 4 |

WATER POLO

| PLAYERS | GOALS |
|----------------|-------|
| Glauco Souza | 55 |
| Jason Hornik | 29 |
| Kirk Haney | 25 |
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GW boosters celebrate hoopsters

by Jeff Goldfarb

Managing Editor

Second-year GW men's basketball coach Mike Jarvis brought not only a winning attitude with him to GW, but also a new tradition in kicking off the basketball season. While most college teams celebrate with "Midnight Madness", a 12 a.m. open practice Oct. 15 (the official date when the NCAA designates practice can start), Jarvis and the athletic department instead put together the Basket Ball, a black-tie affair at the Capital Hilton, 16th and K streets, Oct. 12.

Approximately 240 members of the University and surrounding area community attended the dinner-dance to show support for the team and celebrate the season's opening.

CBS sports analyst James Brown and GW Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert A. Chernak were honored by the athletic department with service awards. Brown, who could not attend because of rescheduling in his broadcast assignments, was honored because "he is a quality individual with high standards," Jarvis said. Negotiations are in progress to have Brown host Jarvis' weekly talk show on Home Team Sports, Jarvis noted.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, speaking at

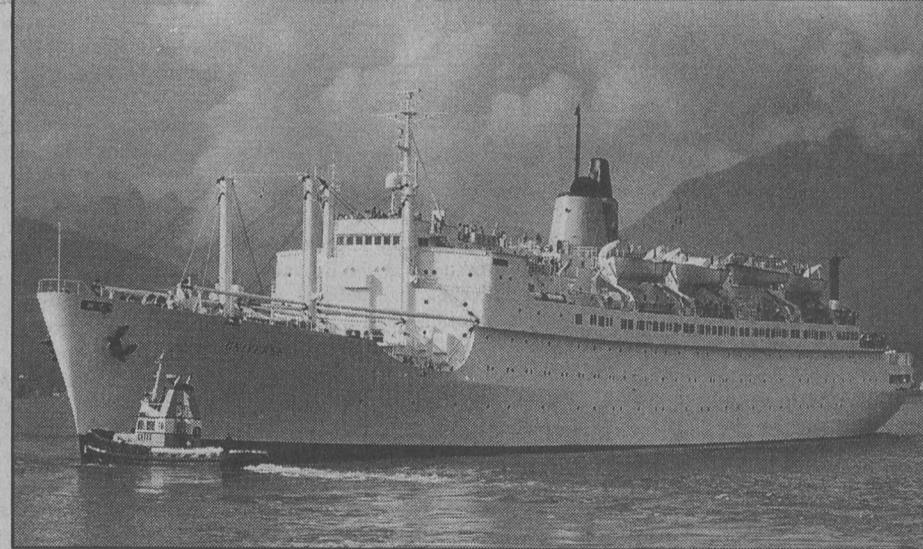
the ball, said Chernak has been instrumental in the recent resurgence of GW basketball, recounting how Chernak also turned around the basketball program at the University of Hartford when the two worked there together. Trachtenberg called Chernak the "architect" of GW's basketball program and described him as "the man with the plan, the man with the vision."

Despite the \$250 per couple ticket price, Jarvis said the event was only a celebratory one, not a fundraiser. He said the Basket Ball has the potential to be a fundraiser some time in the future, however.

The night was sponsored by several companies, including Reebok and Travelogue. Throughout the evening, randomly-drawn guests won door prizes, including Reebok sneakers, sweatshirts and equipment bags. Lawrence Withers, father of junior guards Eric and Marc Withers, won the grand prize — two round-trip airline tickets, good for flight anywhere in the continental United States.

Jarvis, who sponsored a similar sort of event each year when he was head basketball coach at Boston University, said he thought the event was extremely enjoyable and that all in attendance had a good time. "I think everybody who came got more than they bargained for," he said.

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